

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Medical Assistance - Hospital Health Care Access Trust Fund

Background

[Senate File 2388](#) (FY 2011 Health Care Access Assessment Act) created the Hospital Health Care Access Assessment Program and imposed a Hospital Health Care Access Assessment on privately owned hospitals paid on a Prospective Payment System (PPS) basis by Medicare and Medicaid. Revenue received from the assessment is deposited in the Hospital Health Care Access Trust Fund (HHCATF) under the authority of the Department of Human Services (DHS). The money in the Fund is used to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Medicaid Program, matched with federal financial participation, intended to increase hospital reimbursement for PPS hospitals to the upper payment limit. This payment, to the extent possible, is intended to offset the cost of the assessment.

Assessment Fee

The hospital assessment is based on 1.26% of net patient revenue as specified by the FY 2008 Medicare cost report and is estimated to collect \$34.7 million annually. Those funds are then appropriated to the Medicaid Program to allow the state to draw a federal match on the funds resulting in a net increase for Medicaid revenue. The Hospital Health Care Access Assessment is scheduled to be repealed July 1, 2017.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [249M](#)

[441](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [36](#)

Revised August 31, 2016

More Information

NCSL Provider Tax Information: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/health-provider-and-industry-state-taxes-and-fees.aspx>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

LSA Staff Contact: Jess Benson (515-281-4611) jess.benson@legis.iowa.gov